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Your AMT membership expired on 31 January.

Therefore, this is a friendly reminder that renewal of your AMT membership is due if your membership expired on 31 January **2020** (noted on your membership card).

We have kept the fees at a very low \$30.00 per annum for adults – where else can you get the fun and enjoyment of participating in live theatre at this price? Please forward your payment to the Abbey office, noting it is for “Membership”. If you wish to make payment direct to the Abbey’s bank account, the account number is; **06 – 0729 – 0024947 – 00**

Please don’t forget to put your name in “Reference” field, along with “Membership”. If your personal details have changed from last year, could you please complete a membership form (can be found on the AMT website – www.abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz) and forward that to the Abbey office – admin@abbeymusicaltheatre.co.nz

Please note that unless you renew your membership for the 2020/21 year, this will be the last “Stage Rage” you receive.



Please note in your diaries that the Abbey Musical Theatre **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 at the Wallace Development Company Theatre.

Information regarding the AGM and the positions available on the Board have already been sent.



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Abbey Musical Theatre presents

GLORIOUSLY BROADWAY

**SISTER
ACT**

A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY

Regent On Broadway from 17 April - 2 May 2019

Production Team

Director: Andrea Maxwell
Musical Director: Barry Jones
Choreographer: Hannah McDowall

ATTENTION!!!!

We are super excited to announce our Deloris for our up and coming season of "SISTER ACT" – Lavina Williams

Award winning Lavina Williams plays the hilarious role of Deloris, the wanna be diva who witnesses a crime and is sent to the last place the cops think she will be found. A convent! While hiding out, Deloris brings new life to the nuns with her musical talent and disco moves which in turn blows her cover. The chase is on, but the crooks are no match for the power of the sisterhood. Based on the popular movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, audiences should not miss this hilarious, feel good musical.



Lavina Williams is a singer, songwriter and musical actress. She is the winner of the prestigious 2017 Benny Award's "Pacific Entertainment Award for Top Female Vocalist". Lavina started her musical journey in 2004 in the world renowned Broadway musical "The Lion King" for Australia, Germany and Singapore, playing the roles of Shenzi, Sarabi and Rafiki. She was Motormouth Maybelle in Broadway's hit musical "HAIRSPRAY" at Auckland's Sky City Theatre in 2014 and then went on to become vocal coach for the Top 13 contestants of Season 2s "The X-Factor" New Zealand. She then signed on as the musical director for New Zealand's first transgender musical "People Like Us". In 2017, Lavina was the musical director for New Zealand owned and written "Dominion Road – The Musical". In 2018 and into 2019, she became the creative director, resident judge and vocal coach for the biggest talent TV show in the Pacific "Vocal Fusion – Season 6" in Papua New Guinea and is now the manager of the EMTV Vocal Fusion Franchise.

"SISTER ACT" – Cast List

Deloris van Cartier
Curtis Shank
Monsignor O'Hara
Mother Superior
Eddie Souther
Sister Mary Lazarus
Sister Mary Patrick
Sister Mary Robert
Sister Mary Theresa
Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours
TJ
Joey
Pablo
Ernie
Michelle
Tina

Lavina Williams
Shannan Jacobs
Andi Leipst
Jo Sale
Chris Thompson
Katte Johnston
Erica Ward
Amy Hunt-McKenna
Merryn Osborne
Val Andrew
Frazer Double
Matt McEwen
Connor Watson
Jayden Colban
Peta Lynch
Jessie Feyen

Ensemble/Nuns

Jody Marshall, Bridgette Lynch, Hannah Mills,
Candace Higgle, Kay Aish, Sheila Monaghan,
Katina Hughes, Erin Simmons, Katie Monaghan,
Sophia Parker, Kirsten Clark

Ensemble/Dancer

Emily McKay, Annabel Orwin-Higgs, Sarah Judd,
Jon Samia, Tyler Purdy

Backing Vocalists

Shania Mika-Tamihana, Amy McLaren,
Elise Middleton, Terry Stewart, Kevin Crawford,
Andrea Cawood



Connecting communities creatively
Te huihuinga mai i ngā hapori wairua auaha

MTNZ 60th NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGM & VOLUNTEER TRAINING WEEKEND

60th Deco Diamond Jubilee

20 – 22 March 2020

Napier Conference Centre, Marine Parade, Napier

Registrations for this year's MTNZ Conference are now open.

More information/details can be found at

<http://www.mtnz.org.nz/conference>

Click here to register on line – <http://www.mtnz.org.nz/conference-registration/>





And the winners are ...

At the recent **Regional Theatre Awards** ceremony, Abbey Musical Theatre was well represented amongst the winners. Congratulations to everyone who received a nomination and a **big YAHOO** to all those nominees who won, as follows;

Youth Performer (Male)

- Cameron Andrew/Dante Hunt-McKenna – Gavroche: *Les Misérables*

Technical Design & Operation

- Samantha Peters: *MAMMA MIA!*

Choreography

- Cara Hesselin: *MAMMA MIA!*

Musical Director

- Barry Jones: *Les Misérables*

Debut Musical Director

- Lottie Perry: *MAMMA MIA!*

Direction (Musical)

- Phil Anstis: *Avenue Q*

Emerging Performer (Musical)

- Leon Bristow – Rod: *Avenue Q*

Female Actor (Musical)

- Jessie Feyen – Kate Monster: *Avenue Q*





THE MUSICAL BY **QUEEN & BEN ELTON**

ON STAGE AT THE
REGENT ON BROADWAY, PALMERSTON NORTH
7 – 22 AUGUST 2020

DIRECTOR: **PHIL ANSTIS**

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: **BARRY JONES**

CHOREOGRAPHER: **CARA HESSELIN**





SIX is coming to New Zealand

SIX is a witty, sassy pop-musical that remixes the history of the six wives of the notorious wife-slaying Tudor King Henry and it's coming to Wellington for its only New Zealand showings at the Opera House from 9 – 25 July 2020..



One of the world's most-streamed musicals is bringing the wives of King Henry VIII into modern-day Wellington in July this year. Since its debut at Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017, the soundtrack of pop-musical *SIX* has garnered more than 300,000 streams daily, making it the second most-streamed musical soundtrack in the world after *HAMILTON*. It has been a meteoric rise for the creators, Cambridge graduates Toby Marlow, 25, and Lucy Moss, 26, who co-wrote the book, lyrics and music. Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Katherine Howard and Catherine Parr all take the microphone to tell their own stories. These six powerful women are transformed from Tudor queens to pop princesses as they tell their rebellious tales in this original pop musical, accompanied by a phenomenal all-female band and inspired by music divas like Adele, Lily Allen, and Ariana Grande. The cast features Chloe Zuel as sassy Catherine of Aragon, Kala Gare as Anne Boleyn, Loren Hunter as the loyal third wife Jane Seymour, Kiana Daniele as Anne of Cleves, Courtney Monsma as playful fifth wife Katherine Howard, and Vidya Makan as the empowering Catherine Parr. Co-producer Louise Withers said, "We are more than delighted as part of our Australian tour to now have secured a Wellington season. "*SIX* is fast becoming a phenomenon across the world and we are overjoyed to have Australian and New Zealand audiences be some of the first international audiences to experience this fresh, clever, uplifting and intoxicating musical production."

Is *The Nanny* heading to Broadway?

It has been reported that *The Nanny* is being adapted into a Broadway musical. The production is based on the 1990s American sitcom of the same name, which followed a fashionable Jewish woman named Fran Fine who finds herself as the nanny of three children from the New York and British high societies. The musical will feature a book by original series creators Fran Drescher and Peter Marc Jacobson, with lyrics by Rachel Bloom and music by Bloom and Adam Schlesinger. A production timeline for the Broadway premiere, as well as casting, creative team members and a venue will be announced at a later date.

Human Again! Josh Gad & Luke Evans to Reprise *Beauty and the Beast* Roles for Prequel Series

A *Beauty and the Beast* prequel series is newly in development from Disney Plus. Tony nominee Josh Gad and screen stand-out Luke Evans are set to reprise their performances as LeFou and Gaston from the 2017 live-action musical adaptation of the classic tale, according to Variety. In addition to returning to the role of LeFou for the new musical series, Gad will also serve as co-writer and executive producer along with Eddy Kitsis and Adam Horowitz (of the ABC series *Once Upon a Time*). Details on the plot are being kept under wraps.



Josh Gad & Luke Evans in the 2017 film "*Beauty and the Beast*" (Disney)



By PLAYBILL staff

With *WICKED* recently surpassing *Les Misérables* to become the 5th longest running show in Broadway history, check out the latest list of long runs on Broadway. (Performance counts are up to date as of 8 March 2020.)

1	The Phantom of the Opera	13,366
2	Chicago (1996 Revival)	9,690
3	The Lion King	9,299
4	CATS	7,485
5	WICKED	6,833
6	Les Misérables	6,680
7	A Chorus Line	6,137
8	Oh! Calcutta! (1976 Revival)	5,959
9	MAMMA MIA!	5,758
10	Beauty and the Beast	5,461
11	RENT	5,123
12	Jersey Boys	4,642
13	Miss Saigon	4,092
14	The Book of Mormon	3,746
15	42 nd Street	3,486
16	Grease	3,388
17	Fiddler on the Roof	3,242
18	Life with Father	3,224
19	Tobacco Road	3,182
20	Hello, Dolly!	2,844

21	My Fair Lady	2,717
22	Hairspray	2,642
23	MARY POPPINS	2,619
24	Avenue Q	2,534
25	Kinky Boots	2,507
26	Aladdin	2,503
27	The Producers	2,502
28	Beautiful	2,416
29	Cabaret <i>(1998 Revival)</i>	2,377
30	Annie	2,377

